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	Attorney Docket Number		10990638-2
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	Examiner		Epps, J.
	Group Art		1635
	Title		Method for Linear mRNA Amplification

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Sir:

In response to Final Rejection dated May 8, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments:

### AMENDMENTS

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--49. (New) The kit according to Claim 32, wherein said kit further comprises an agent that inactivates a reverse transcriptase.

50. (New) The kit according to Claim 49, wherein said agent irreversibly inactivates a reverse transcriptase.

51. (New) The kit according to Claim 49, wherein said agent reversibly inactivates a reverse transcriptase. --

#### REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 32-51, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application.

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